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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I have never agreed with the government's decision to sue Microsoft, and that is why I support the government's decision to settle this case. I am relieved to see this three- year- long dispute resolved.

Microsoft needs to be allowed to go back to its own business without having to worry about court costs, and strategies to keep the products that they themselves invented. The company has already agreed to share information and help other companies compete, and this is more than enough to warrant the government ending litigation. By settling we can now see positive effects on our economy and technology industry. If other companies are concerned about Microsoft obeying the settlement, a technical review committee will make sure that Microsoft does.

Thank you for settling with Microsoft and allowing this company to devote its resources to more productive activities instead of litigation. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Patrick Gadient

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